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## To Whom It May Concern:

The Central SC Alliance was created in 1994 and BB&T was one of the original investors in our organization. Mike Brenan, BB&T State President, has served as our Board Chairman for the past five years and a member of our Board since 2008. Our relationship has been strong, lengthy, and significantly beneficial to our community.

Central SC Alliance (CSCA) is a regional economic development organization established in 1994. We represent eight counties in the center of the State of South Carolina, and the City of Columbia in their economic development efforts. Since 1994, our combined efforts have resulted in working with companies who have committed to invest over \$13 billion and create over 70,000 jobs. None of this would be possible without the support of our investors, including BB&T.

During Mike Brenan's tenure as Chair of the CSCA, he has provided exemplary leadership to the Board of Directors, the staff, and the community. His insight is keen and his ability to build consensus is well-known throughout the State. Both Mr. Brenan and BB&T are extremely valuable partners to the Alliance.

I support the merger and believe the combined entity will be good for the community and associates.

Sincerely,
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